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Turning " Silver Bullets " / (:

These pictures were taken at the Philadelphia Mint by Permission of the United States Treasury Department. In the light of Mr.Edison's reference to the coin of the realm - invested in Liberty Bonds - as so many bullets directed at Kaiserism, views of this 'munition factory' turning out the basic weapons of war in an unceasing stream, are very timely. We watch the raw material transformed into a fiery liquid, cast into ingots and pressed into rolling mills where it undergoes twenty-eight different operations. Another machine pounds out the blanks which are annealed, cleaned and rounded off at the edges, at which stage they are cast into the coining machine that stamps out the finished coin. This is examined for defects, counted and weighed by machine and made ready to be shipped - to work weal or woe - to all the corners of the land.

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